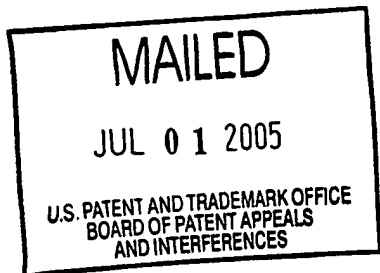


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte YUICHI SHIROTA, HISASHI TANAKA, HIROSHI NONOYAMA,
KAZUSHI SHIKATA, YUKIO UEMURA, HIKARU SUGI, & MANABU MIYATA

Application No. 09/531,531

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 21, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 10, 2003, appellants filed a terminal disclaimer. However, there is no indication in the electronic

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record, that the terminal disclaimer has been processed.

Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the
Examiner:

1. for taking corrective action regarding the
processing of the Terminal Disclaimer filed March 10, 2003, and
2. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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